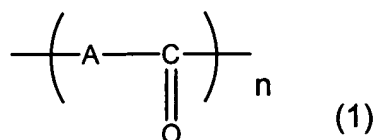


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A solution of a polyketone, comprising a polyketone as a copolymer of carbon monoxide and one or more olefins, wherein 90 wt% or more of said copolymer is represented by the structural formula (1):



wherein A is an alkylene group and n is an integer of 1 or more and a solvent, wherein said solvent is an aqueous solution of at least one member selected from the group consisting of calcium salts, and iron salts.

2. (Previously presented) A solution according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of the calcium salt(s) and/or iron salt(s) in said solvent is 5 to 85 wt%, and the polyketone concentration is 0.005 to 70 wt%.

3. (Previously presented) A solution according to claim 1, wherein the anion portion of each of the calcium salt(s) and/or iron salt(s) is a halide.

4-30. (Cancelled).

31. (New) A solution according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is an aqueous solution that also contains at least one zinc halide and optionally at least one metal halide selected from the group consisting of sodium chloride, lithium chloride, barium chloride, sodium bromide, calcium bromide, lithium bromide, barium bromide, sodium iodide, calcium iodide, lithium iodide and barium iodide, and wherein a weight ratio of said at least one zinc halide to said at least one member selected from the group

consisting of calcium salts and iron salts and said at least one metal halide is 98/2 to 20/80, a concentration of the at least one zinc halide in the solvent is 20 to 70 wt% and the concentration of the polyketone in the solution is 0.005 to 70 wt%.